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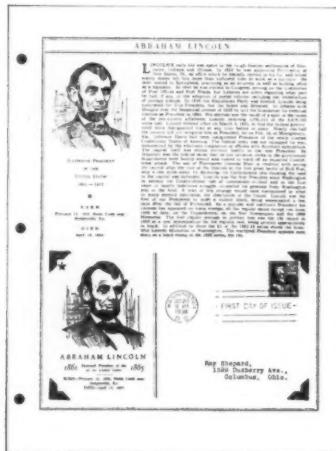
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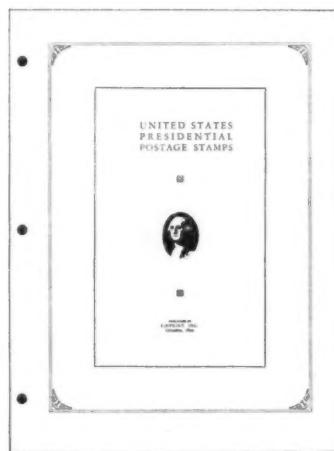
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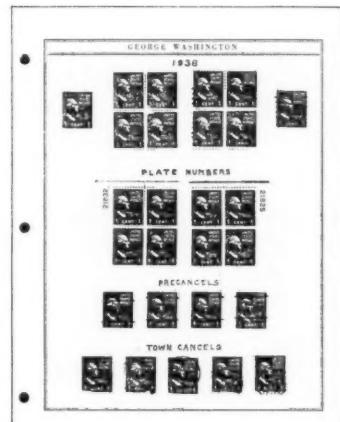
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Pan-American Congress Issues

BY BOB RICHARDSON

In 1826, Simon Bolivar, then President of Colombia, called a congress of representatives from each of the new American republics to meet at Panama that year. The avowed purpose was to effect a closer union for mutual welfare. An epidemic of yellow fever caused the hasty dissolution of the Congress of Bolivar before any work could be done. From that time onward the countries were so continually quarreling among themselves that Bolivar's plan was forgotten for over half a century. In 1847 in Lima, Peru, the first inter-American conference was held, represented by five South American republics. The first congress managed to conclude a number of important things, among them a postal treaty. Other treaties concerning commerce, navigation and consular exchanges were also effected. So, all in all, this first conference, despite the poor attendance, was a great success.

Things looked bad indeed in the early 1860s for the American republics. The United States was believed on the point of dissolution and Napoleon III of France had set up a puppet emperor in Mexico. Of even more importance to South Americans was the seizure in April, 1864, by a Spanish Fleet of the Chincha Islands off the Peruvian coast. So, in 1864 representatives of seven South American states and one Central American state met in Lima, but accomplished very little. The 2 soles value of the new set of stamps issued by Peru to commemorate the Eighth Pan-American Conference of 1938 pictures the three Peruvians who presided at the three conferences held in that country prior to the formation of the Pan-American Union. The chief topic at the 1864 conference was the formation of a defensive alliance against Spain, which appears to have had some result for in 1865 the Chinchas were restored to Peru. But in 1866 the Spanish fleet returned and at Callao was fought the battle between the fleet and shore batteries depicted on Peru's recently issued 20c air mail stamp and titled "Defense of America." Bolivia, Chile, Peru and Ecuador joined to defeat the invader, but Rear-Admiral Villar at Callao with his hastily gathered forces decisively defeated the attacking Spanish fleet.

Lima 13 years later was the scene of a third conference, again attended by seven South American nation's representatives and some from Cuba, then in the throes of the recurring war for In-

dependence. Treaties of international law, as well as those providing for extradition of non-political criminals were drawn up, Guatemala and Uruguay ratifying these. The adoption by all the countries of such laws is still awaited for criminals of many countries have found haven in various of the Latin-American countries.

The first of what are now termed Pan-American Conferences met at Wash-

ington, D. C., on October 2, 1889, under the chairmanship of James J. Blaine, then Secretary of State of the U. S. His skillful handling of the call for such an assembly resulted in every American republic being represented except the Dominicans. Chief outcome of this conference was formation of what is now the Pan-American Union, described then as to be a sort of bureau of information for spreading knowledge of the commerce and resources of the

and measures, laws, customs regulations, etc. Few of these ever were adopted, due to jealousies between the various countries. No postal issues commemorated this first conference as this was in the days before the custom of issuing commemorative stamps was introduced.

In 1899 the United States suggested a second conference and this convened at Mexico City upon invitation of the Mexican government on October 22, 1901, adjourning on January 31, 1902. This was the first conference attended by representatives of all the countries. Most important result was signing of an agreement by 10 countries for compulsory arbitration of disputes, and arrangements for an international customs congress for sanitation purposes. So far as philately was concerned there were no results from this conference reflected in our albums.

The Third Conference opened on July 23, 1906, at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and is important to philately in that it inaugurated the custom of special stamp issues to commemorate the occasion. This first set was of only two stamps, both of the same design and of very low face value. The design is an allegory of the Congress, designed by H. Bernardelli and lithographed at the Brazilian Mint. Chief topic of discussion at this conference was the proposed adoption of the Drago Doctrine which denies the right of one country to forcibly collect a debt from another. Since the Latin republics were chronically disputing with their debtors, refusing to pay interest on important debts, the Doctrine found much favor with the delegates. The Pan-American Union, then known as the Bureau of American Republics was reorganized and given limited legislative powers. U. S. Secretary of State Elihu Root toured South America, making a speech at Rio which went far towards creating a friendly attitude toward the United States.

Argentina was so busy issuing a long set of stamps to celebrate its centenary of independence in 1910 that it did not follow the Brazilian example when during that year the Fourth Pan-American Conference met at Buenos Aires. This Conference contributed to American welfare chiefly treaties on copyrights and patents and a recommendation that all governments resort to arbitration in disputes over financial matters.

Late in 1913 the board of the Pan-American Union chose Santiago, Chile, as the seat of the Fifth Pan-American



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republics. The beautiful building at Washington which today is headquarters of the Union was shown on the stamp included in the souvenir sheet issued by Guatemala this year to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Constitution of the U. S. The governing board of the Union consists of the diplomatic or special representatives of each country who in turn elect their president. The 1889 conference outlined uniform treaties of many kinds, urging the countries to adopt uniform systems of weights

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The Columbus Philatelic Club meets every first and fifth Friday evening at the Virginia Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings.

Ladies Phalanx Auxiliary

The largest organization of women stamp collectors in the world, is what Mrs. L. C. Hooper, Staff Secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx, believes her organization is. Her latest count of the membership reveals close to 500 women in the ranks of the old-timers. The Pioneer Ladies' Auxiliary will assemble with the Phalanx at their World's Philatelic Conclave next September at San Francisco. The 1940 Conclave is expected to be held at some point on the Atlantic seaboard. No dues or fees are collected from members or applicants. Prospectus may be obtained of Mrs. Hooper by addressing her at 685 Witmer St., Los Angeles, Calif.

From its name we gather that the new post office of DUNMOVIN in Inyo County, California, is hopeful it will not have to move any more. This may be a lumber camp as we note the postmaster lives 12 miles away.

The French stamp depicting the Palace of Versailles is the first French stamp to bear the likeness of any of France's former Bourbon kings, the heirs of whom are not permitted to live in France. Notice the statue of Louis XIV at left of picture.

It probably won't help our diplomatic relations with Germany that the post office of ADOLPH is being wiped off postal maps on January 14. It's down in Randolph County, W. Va.

Stamp Within A Stamp

Collectors of triangle stamps generally find the hardest varieties to obtain are those issued by the former divisions of Somali Coast, the thinly populated French Colony adjacent to the Ethiopian Empire. The latest issue of Somali Coast includes on the higher values above the likeness of an early governor a miniature reproduction of one of these triangle stamps of Obock. Below the likeness of Governor Lagarde is a view of the government building at Djibouti, capital of the colony and terminus of the railroad to Ethiopia, control of which the Italians are now demanding. Other values of the set imitate very closely in size and design the big rectangular stamps of 1894, only the inscriptions being slightly altered.

AUCTION CALENDAR

Jan. 23—U. S., Foreign, Leo Kusmierz, 6355 Willette, Detroit, Mich.

On June 1, 1938, a Turkish law went into effect prohibiting the import and export of stamps, according to one of the *Philatelic Magazine's* correspondents, with resulting scarcity of new issues in the European markets.

New Zealand added two new high values this year which are primarily fiscals but used regularly for postage, the 25 and 35 shilling postal fiscals of the smaller design introduced in 1931.

They surely have some odd names for the wide open spaces (and their halting places). GROOM CREEK is the name chosen for a new postoffice in Yavapai County, Arizona, some six miles from Prescott.

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P. M. At 7:30 P. M. the American Stamp Association, newest of the national societies, will hold a meeting. The entire affair will be held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Winthrop, Tacoma, Wash.

On Saturday the exhibition will open at 9 A. M., with all school children being admitted free. At noon an auction will be held and at 2:30 P. M. a meeting of cover collectors will be presided over by D. C. Bartley, chairman of the National Cachet Directors Council. All cover collectors are invited.

The banquet will be on Saturday evening at 6:30 P. M. at \$1.50 per person. Reservations to Mrs. R. J. Kappahn, 3510 N. 7th St., Tacoma, Wash. The last day of the exhibit (Sunday) will be featured by a philatelic writers luncheon at 12:30 P. M.; an auction at 1:30; and a meeting of the A. S. A. at 3:30; with final congress session at 7:30 P. M.

Stamp issues can't be delayed in Spain. A Loyalist set to commemorate capture of Teruel had to be destroyed because the Rebels (probably just to spoil things) promptly recaptured the town.

One of the futuristic-designed stamps of Ecuador's new "Progress" set pictures a train in the Devil's Canyon. This is a long rocky gorge down which the railroad between capital and coast operates daily except on cloudy days because of danger of cloudbursts.

Cleveland Exhibition Announced

Collectors in the Cleveland metropolitan area will again have an opportunity to view the local and government displays arranged by members of the Cleveland Stamp Club, at the 11th annual exhibition and bourse of the club which will be held at the Hotel Hollenden, January 28 and 29. Emmett N. Ong, 700 Hanna Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio, will accept bourse reservations. Bourse tables will be \$5 each, which price includes a banquet ticket. On the evening of the 28th the annual banquet will be held, tickets \$1.75 each.

- Netherlands Indies plan to sell current stamps at its pavilion at the New York World's Fair. It's an old custom with them, for they did the same thing back in 1893 at the Columbian Exposition.

- Papua recently destroyed all remainders of its stamps portraying the odd-looking sailing craft (Lakatoi), Coronations, Officials and 1934 commemoratives.

- There's nothing high-hat about the folk in Eddy County, Arizona who named their new postoffice just plain "SMITH."

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Editor's Notebook

BOYCOTTS Agitation is going the rounds in philatelic circles for a boycott of stamps issued by those governments coming within the President's definition of "aggressor nations." Feeling is running high in contempt for certain foreign countries and the sponsors hope that a curtailment of philatelic revenue may have some punitive effect on ruthless rulers. News reports have repeatedly told of refugees from these countries managing to smuggle from their native lands postage stamps which they hoped to sell in whatever haven they finally reached and thus start life anew with these scanty funds. Sometimes stamps were practically the only valuables they were able to take out and then only because they were so small they could be easily hidden. Since much of the current indignation in this country against certain countries is because of their forcing some minorities of their inhabitants to become refugees, it follows that any boycott of even recent issues of those countries would only increase the suffering of the unfortunate. True a complete boycott of current issues would reduce somewhat the revenue of those countries, but not so much as many collectors think it would. All have

restrictions on import and export of stamps, consequently shipments of new issues direct to this country are not large. The rulers arousing our ire would not be affected in the least. Philately has tried boycotts before against nations, all of them to fail. There is no indication a boycott of the proposed type would accomplish the desired result without doing more damage than good.

—R. R.

THERE IS A The editors of the DIFFERENCE South African Philatelist draw a distinction between "souvenir collectors" and "Philatelists" as can be noted in an item on the Centenary Voortrekker Ox-Wagon Post. Someone raised the rumor that not all the covers had been sent by the Ox-Wagons, but by train instead. The Postmaster General was questioned on this point, it being pointed out that collectors had been urged to buy the covers and stamps not merely as souvenirs but as investments as well. His reply stated all had gone by the ox-wagons and the magazine in summing up says, "Souvenir collectors will be glad to learn that the possible investment value of their ox-wagon envelopes has not been endangered. Philatelists are not so much concerned, as from their particular point of view this point has little interest." Which is drawing a distinction with a difference.

—R. R.

Perfs and Imperfs

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THE OKLAHOMA PHILATELIC SOCIETY'S fun-making "Wah-hoos" stay up late. The tentative program for next May's meet at Tulsa calls for a session until 2:30 a. m. The boys will undoubtedly be talking in hoarse whispers for days after that much wah-hoowing.

IT'S COMMONPLACE FOR GROUPS of stamp collectors to drive 30 to 150 miles to attend a stamp meeting, but it remained for one Walter Aldrich of Norwich, N. Y. to add a new wrinkle. Possessor of a new trailer, a group of Norwich philatelic travellers planned on attending a Buffalo stamp exhibit in its trailer! The Binghamton Philatelic Society *Beacon* mentions this in its newsy columns.

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Voortrekker Centenary

The Union of South Africa is at present carrying out an Ox-Wagon caravan stunt very much like the one from Massachusetts to Ohio on the sesquicentennial of the settlement of the Northwest Territory. This South African expedition is to commemorate the centenary of the Great Trek when the Boers moved from Cape Colony in search of new land, finally erecting the Orange Free State. Since 1933 the Union has been issuing semi-postal stamps with a surtax for a fund to finance erection at Pretoria of a monu-



ment to the Voortrekkers as these folk were called. On October 31, 1938, this set was withdrawn from issue to be replaced with a new one, the old one being illustrated herewith.

Park Smith of the Strand, S. A., sends a specimen of the special envelope being sold at post offices in the Union, the lower half bearing an illustration of ox wagons with commemorative inscription. The 1938 trek started on August 8 and was to have arrived at Pretoria on December 16. 100,000 of the covers were sold by the middle of November, six special post offices having been opened along the route for one day only. In addition to the ox-wagon post, there will be a pigeon-post and a special air mail. Netherlands recently issued a special air stamp for Dingaan's Day to be used on centenary flight mail. Dingaan, it might be mentioned, was a treacherous native chieftain who massacred one of the first groups of Voortrekkers. Dingaan's day is an annual celebration, commemorating the final and complete triumph over the natives.

South West Africa joined in the celebration by issuing at all post offices the special envelopes and overprinted Voortrekker stamps, the mail for the ox-wagons closing on October 18 at Windhoek, the capital. From there they were taken to Bloemfontein and placed on the wagons.

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U. S. NOTES

"How did this one get by all the stamp columns?" asks E. P. Zochert of Wausau, Wis., referring to a first day cover of the 21c Arthur from Schenectady, N. Y. We carried a brief mention of the plan of a college group in this former college town of Arthur to rush a supply of the 21c stamp from Washington on the morning the stamp was placed on sale there; affix the stamps to covers at Schenectady and get them postmarked there the same day. At any first day sale a person could (and some frequently do) drive to nearby towns and mail covers bearing the new stamps on the first day. Since such use is by no stretch of the imagination official, these first day products are not to be found in catalog listings. We have in our collection various commemoratives postmarked on the first day of issue at post offices not designated to be a first day office, but we consider them only curiosities and of no special value.

It's too late to matter now, but reader William Bate of Philadelphia asks in what particular position the post office insists the Christmas Seal be placed on the face of letters. His question is based on a newspaper item stating that this year, for the first time, Christmas Seals may be placed upon the face of envelopes. As usual in such items, it turns out to be twisted reporting by the lay press. The post office actually stated in its order that mail bearing the seals on the face of envelopes should not be returned to sender as unmailable or if sender was not known, should not be sent to the dead-letter office. The Post Office Dept., far from urging the affixing of seals to face of envelopes is merely tolerating for the holiday season the practice of many folks to improperly affix the seals to the address side of mail.

How is the 2c John Adams "Electric Eye" stamp distinguished from the other 2c Adams? That's H. W. Stimson's question. Individual stamps from both types of sheets differ in no detail and can not be identified unless they have sheet margins attached. The plate number of electric eye plates is located opposite the third stamp from the corner of the sheet instead of opposite the corner stamp. Then, opposite some

marginal stamps are located a number of red dashes which guide the electric eye perforating machine. There are no such dashes on other sheets. However, it is well to bear in mind that only the first four plates (21891-2-3-4) of the 2c Adams were not electric eye plates; all others are electric eye. Look at the 2c at your post office and you can quickly see the difference between the two.

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Pan-American Congress Issues

mill; Havana Cathedral; and the clubhouse of the association of former Galician (Spain) natives in Havana. Apparently the financing scheme worked well for the sets, despite high face value, are not uncommon.

For the 1933 Pan-American Conference, the Seventh, held at Montevideo, capital of Uruguay, the Uruguayan postal service provided a novelty in the form of a set of six triangle stamps of symbolic design, featuring an albatross over a map of the Americas. Each value was printed in a souvenir sheet of six stamps in perforated form and these were very popular varieties. The Conference opened in December and on January 1 as a special added feature the postal service made a special flight to the capital of each department (state) in Uruguay. To provide special stamps some 2,000 sheets each of the 17c and 36c were overprinted with a dated overprint looking very much like a small

Spain, one result of which is the present Spanish-American Postal Union. In addition there have been a number of stamps issued for various Pan-American Congresses devoted to certain subjects such as Medicine, Child Welfare and Postal, these congresses being concerned solely with the subjects their titles indicate. All these issues tell the story of the gradual penetration of a feeling of mutual good will among the twenty-one American republics. A century and more has gone by since Monroe declared his famous and often misunderstood policy. Marines no longer land at Latin-American ports to take "situations in hand" or to collect bills for impatient creditors, but bickering and jealousy still continues among the often not too-sisterly American republics.

First Day Calendar

Presidential Sidewise Coils: 1c Washington, 1½c Martha Washington, 2c John Adams, 3c Jefferson, 4c Madison, 4½c White House, 5c Monroe, 6c J. Q. Adams, and 10c Tyler. All on January 20, at Washington, D. C.

Presidential Endwise Coils: 1c Washington, 1½c Martha Washington, 2c John Adams and 3c Jefferson. All on January 27, at Washington, D. C.

Booklet Panes of Presidents: 1c Washington, 2c Adams and 3c Jefferson. All on Jan. 27, at Washington, D. C.

3c Golden Gate Exposition: Feb. 18 at San Francisco, Calif.

3c First Inaugural of Geo. Washington: April 30 at New York City.

3c New York World's Fair: April 30. City not determined.

3c 25th Anniversary of Panama Canal: August 15. City not determined.

Calendar Of Annual Events

Cleveland, O.—11th Annual Exhibition and Bourse of the Cleveland Stamp Club: Jan. 28-29 at Hotel Hollenden.

Columbus, Ohio.—Annual Exhibition, bourse and dinner of the Columbus Philatelic Club: Feb. 4-5 at the Virginia Hotel.

Detroit, Mich.—Silver Jubilee of the Michigan Stamp Club: at the Book-Cadillac Hotel, March 17-18-19.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Annual Dinner of the Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh: on Monday, January 16, 1939, at Stouffer's, 421 Wood St.

St. Petersburg, Fla.—9th Annual Winter Phil. Exhibition: by the St. Petersburg Stamp Club, Feb. 27 to March 3 at Federal Galleries.

Tacoma, Wash.—National Stamp Congress and Exhibit: by Tacoma Stamp Club, Chapter No. 1 of the A. S. A., Jan. 6-7-8, Hotel Winthrop.

• Roumanian collectors discovered recently that French and German forgers had forged many thousands of Roumanian stamps, principally by using genuine originals and forging overprints which had increased their value.

• An unusual item in commemorative plate numbers was recently offered by the Mint Sheet Brokerage Bulletin—a never hinged mint superb block of the \$1 Omaha with plate number.

Stamps In The News—

Memel

The latest Nazi coup was the election of Nazis to almost all the elective offices in the city and region of Memel, semi-autonomous unit of the Republic of Lithuania. To demands that full autonomy be given and a threat of re-union with Germany the Lithuanian government flatly declared the present boundaries of the republic would be maintained with force if necessary. The short 20 years life of this little country have been stormy ones, diplomatic relations with its neighboring countries of Germany, Poland and Russia seldom being friendly. From 1920 to 1924 Memel had its own stamps, the first ones being supplied in 1920 upon the arrival of French troops to hold the territory in trust until its permanent owner should be determined. French and a few German stamps were overprinted and used during this period which came to an abrupt end when in June, 1923, a Lithuanian unofficial force seized control and interned the French troops.

Poland objected to this illegal seizure but the Lithuanians continued to control the port and its surrounding territory, issuing occupation stamps for use. Poland claimed the port was the natural outlet for a large part of Poland and that Lithuanian sovereignty in Memel would erect formidable trade barriers. Late in 1923 a commission of the League of Nations Council set to work to try to settle the Memel question which Lithuania offered to place in the hands of a World Court or the League. On March 14, 1924, Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and Lithuania signed an agreement transferring Memel to Lithuania, granting autonomy to the port and free transit through the port of all hinterland traffic. This was done because the territory immediately adjacent to the port was predominantly Lithuanian though the population of the city was German. Poland as a result of the agreement which the commissioners said was very generous on Lithuania's part, received a free port for its trade, but continued to protest the settlement. Since that time there have been rumors of proposed invasion of Lithuania, the Poles to receive the port of Memel and abandon the port of Danzig entirely to Germany along with the Polish Corridor to it.

Whether the Lithuanians with their population of only a little more than 2,000,000 and area of 33,000 square miles could hope to win out in a conflict with their powerful neighbors is doubtful. The forecasts are that the little republic, unless the Nazi march to the east is stopped, is doomed to disappear, and Lithuania may become another "dead" country in our albums. At the time Memel became a part of Lithuania, the entire German population in the newly enlarged country comprised just 1½ percent of the whole population and the Poles just 2½ percent, but such statistics are unheeded by the rulers of postwar states.



The Postage Stamp Parade

A Record of New Issues and New Discoveries
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UNITED STATES—Presidential Issues. Rotary Press, unwmkd., perf. 11x10½:
#2819—A291—1¢ blue (Franklin Pierce)
#2820—A292—15¢ blue-gray (James Buchanan)
#2821—A293—16¢ black (Abraham Lincoln)
#2822—A294—17¢ rose-red (Andrew Johnson) (Scott's Monthly Supplement)

ECUADOR—Progress Issue. Three lower values are vertical and the other horizontal rectangular format:

10c. blue (allegorical)
50c. plum (winged wheel)
1s. deep red (aeroplane)
2s. deep green (Building Construction) (L. A. Russell)

FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICA—Curie Commemorative Semi-Postal. Same as Camerons:

1.75fr. plus 50c. ultramarine
Semi-Postal. Red surcharge of the surtax on the lower value and black surcharge on the other:
A4—35c. on 65c. blue & pale green (red)
A4—50c. on 1.75fr. bright blue & pale blue (L. A. Russell)

FRENCH GUIANA—Curie Commemorative, semi-postal. Same as Camerons:
1.75fr. plus 50c. ultramarine

FRENCH GUINEA—Curie Commemorative, semi-postal. Same as Camerons:
1.75fr. plus 50c. ultramarine

FRENCH INDIA—Curie Commemorative, semi-postal. Same design as for Camerons, but different value as noted below:
2fl2c. plus 20c. ultramarine

FRENCH OCEANICA—Curie Commemorative, Semi-Postal. Same as Camerons:
1.75fr. plus 50c. ultramarine

FRENCH SUDAN—Curie Commemorative, semi-postal. Same as Camerons:
1.75fr. plus 50c. ultramarine

GERMANY—Sudeten Commemoratives. We learn from Mr. R. Roberts that these stamps, noted by us December 24th, are perf. 14, watermarked multiple swastika and printed by photogravure.

GUADELOUPE—Curie Commemorative, semi-postal. Same as Camerons.

1.75fr. plus 50c. ultramarine

INDO-CHINA—Curie Commemorative, semi-postal. Same as Camerons, but different value as noted below:

18c. plus 5c. deep ultramarine

Air Mail. New value in the usual design.
AP1—67c. light blue (L. A. Russell)

ITALY—Aegean Islands. 1937 commemoratives of Italy overprinted in three lines in red "Isole Italiane Dell'Egeo":

A222—1.25L. blue
A222—2.75L. plus 2L. brown (Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

IVORY COAST—Curie Commemorative, semi-postal. Same as Camerons:

1.75fr. plus 50c. ultramarine

JUGOSLAVIA—100,000 sets were printed of the Child Welfare stamps noted by us Nov. 19th. The quantity originally announced was only 50,000. (Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

MACAO—Additional Value. To go with those noted by us Oct. 22nd; Postage:

15a. orange (Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

MADAGASCAR—Curie Commemorative, Semi-Postal. Same as Camerons:
1.75fr. plus 50c. ultramarine

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NEW CALEDONIA—Curie Commemorative, Semi-Postal. Same as Camerons:
1.75fr. plus 50c. ultramarine

New Color. Perf. 14 x 13½:
A21—1fr. carmine & scarlet (Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

NEW HEBRIDES—Postage Due Stamps. We are now able to list the two sets referred to in our notes of September 17, 1938. British Issue. Regular stamps of 1938, overprinted in black in one line "POSTAGE DUE," Wmkd., mult. Crown and Script C. A., perf. 12:

A4—5c. green
A4—10c. dark orange
A4—20c. rose-red
A4—40c. olive-green
A4—1fr. carmine on emerald

French Issue—Regular stamps of 1938 overprinted in black in one line "CHIFFRE TAXE," Wmkd., R.F. in the sheet, perf. 12:

A5—5c. green
A5—10c. dark orange
A5—20c. rose-red
A5—40c. olive-green
A5—1fr. dark carmine on green (Scott's Monthly Supplement)

NEW ZEALAND—Postal Fiscal Stamp. Type of 1931-35, wmkd., mult. N.Z. and Star, perf. 14:

PF7—35sh. yellow (Scott's Monthly Supplement)

NIGER TERRITORY—Curie Commemorative, Semi-Postal. Same as Camerons:
1.75fr. plus 50c. ultramarine

SOMALI COAST—Curie Commemorative, Semi-Postal. Same as Camerons:
1.75fr. plus 50c. ultramarine

SWITZERLAND—Official Stamps. Under-noted stamps overprinted with a cross in outline:

A53—3c. sage-green
A54—5c. blue-green
A55—10c. bright purple
A56—15c. orange
A57—20c. scarlet
A58—25c. brown
A59—30c. bright blue
A60—35c. apple green
A61—40c. gray
A25—50c. yellow-green & deep green
A25—60c. orange-brown
A25—70c. buff & violet
A25—80c. buff & gray
A36—90c. scarlet & green
A25—1fr. pale green & claret
A36—1.20fr. scarlet & lake on rose
A36—1.50fr. scarlet & blue on blue
A36—2fr. scarlet & black on gray

For the League of Nations. Under-noted stamps overprinted in black or red, with "SERVICE DE LA SOCIETE DES NATIONS," in condensed type in the form of a circle. Granite paper, unwmkd., perf. 11½:

A63—20c. red & buff (black)
A64—30c. blue & light blue (black)
A65—60c. brown & buff (black)
A66—1fr. black & buff (red)

For the International Labor Bureau. Same stamps as above overprinted in condensed type in the form of a circle, but the wording "SERVICE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DU TRAVAIL." (Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

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COUNTERFEIT

I have been advised that there exists a counterfeit in the double line type of Neenah, Wis. The regular Neenah double line type is known as type 4, U-16. The fake of course is an imitation of this U-16. One big difference is that the double lines are farther apart than those of regular U-16s. Also the fakes appear to be printed from a single setup. They were noted on Bi-Cents, the scarce 1½c and 2c inverted items were imitated. These catalog quite high and are worth imitating so beware before you take in any high priced Neenah double lines.

REPAIRS AGAIN

I want to add the following to what I first stated about repairs on bureau plates. I am indebted to H. M. Southgate and the *Bureau Specialist* for this information. The method I formerly mentioned about the solder repair seems to be used only on the master dies or patterns that the government keeps. Worn letters are pried up to printing height and built up under them to print; damaged letters that this method will not do any good are routed out (or drilled out as you might want to say) and pieces of brass or copper are inserted in these places and then the wording is engraved thereon. This does not change our statements about the lettering being wobbly and loose looking and I don't want to leave the impression that I am panning the engravers in making this statement because I know they are working under difficult conditions in making these repairs. Summing this up again the solder repairs are only on master dies, as the solder will not take the beating of a press, and the regular plates are either built up under weak places or are inlaid and engraved with copper or brass inserts. We hope this lays this to rest now.

BEGINNERS' CORNER

One reader wrote me asking about these U-121s, B-11, U-10, etc. He said it all sounded like a chemical formula to him. Well years ago it became apparent that certain cities were using a style of precancellation that was set up from the same font of type. There were perhaps a dozen cities using this type. Then another group had precancellations of another type, etc. It was found that this was carried out by the government to a great extent and in making a listing or catalog it would be quite a help simply to illustrate one precancellation only of each type in a chart and then when this was used in the catalog instead of describing it or illustrating at each city using it to simply refer the reader to the chart. Thus was born the Universal Style system, or U-types as some are wont to call them. Altho the U-Types run to U-127 there are many

breaks in the numbering and there are hardly more than two-thirds this many U-types. There are many precancel types that do not come under the U classification and these are handled in the catalog in this manner:—either illustrated or are compared to some U-type to which they are similar. When bureau prints came into being the B-prefix was used in the making of the charts for the bureau types. The charts are found in the front of the general catalog. This one contains both the U and B types so the collector will have a complete chart to go by in classifying material. In order to satisfy the curiosity of some collectors and to show the beginner what is meant by U-10, B-11, etc., the publishers of the catalog have put this chart up in booklet form to sell at a nominal price. If any readers are interested in getting one of the charts I will furnish them the proper address. The Bureau Print Catalog contains a chart with only the B-types illustrated.

30c, 50c First Day Report

When the last two of the Presidential series were issued on December 8, the Postoffice Department again recorded a number of first day covers. Of the 30c Theodore Roosevelt, 43,528 covers were sent, of which 4,812 bore blocks of four. 67,067 copies of the stamp were sold, netting postal coffers the sum of \$20,120.10.

Of the 50c Taft, there were 62,576 copies sold, totaling in face value \$31,288.00. 41,984 covers were mailed of which 4,604 had blocks of four. This was slightly less than for any others of the Presidents under \$1 face value.

- We noted our first 17c Presidential precancel the other day, an undated one from Clay City, Ind., in a hand-electro style.
- The Cedar Rapids Stamp Club meets each first and third Tuesday at the Montrose Hotel, Cedar Rapids, philatelic headquarters of eastern Iowa.
- The ruins shown on the Centenary of Algeria set issued this year are of an old Roman villa, uncovered shortly after the French occupied Algeria in 1838.
- Though Portugal is a republic at least in name, the recent new issues of the colonies were all inscribed in Portuguese "Portuguese Colonial Empire."
- A postoffice was ordered established on the U. S. S. Acushnet effective December 1.

Czechs Celebrate

Because of the partial dismemberment of the republic, the Czech government has abandoned intentions to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the formation of the republic. The New York Times reports that on December 15 instead the country will issue a single stamp in souvenir sheet form with face value of 2 koruna (about 6c) with a surtax for relief of refugees of 8 koruna (about 24c).

- In laying out the plate of Colombia's 1864 5c stamp, for some unknown reason at least one stamp was printed sideways in relation to the others.

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- The new 8c North Borneo is a new one for map stamp collectors, showing the location of this British Protectorate.

- Five Forks is the name of the newest Virginian post office in Calhoun County.

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B Y B I S T A N D E R

This appearance of this column, marks the first anniversary of our assumption of "Bi-Stander" functions. We have enjoyed this column and the incidental correspondence with our readers, which it has entailed. To those disaffected individuals who told us that our ignorance of stamps and philately was not necessarily bliss for them, we can only say that we hope we've learned something during this past year. To those of you who were kind enough to write and say that you liked "Broadway Chatter," our heartfelt thanks. They helped to lighten those dark hours when the deadline was creeping up and we couldn't, for the life of us, think of a thing to write about. To all of you then, admirers and detractors alike, the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year ever.

A new high value was established this week for a single U. S. piece, when the used block of four of the 24 cent value of the 1869 issue with inverted center was sold to Edmund Bradley Martin for \$25,000.00. This piece was recently obtained by Y. Souren and his agent Mr. T. Behr at the sale of the William Crocker collection which was held in London recently. It is generally agreed that only one sheet of this denomination was released with this error. There are two or three unused specimens, approximately a dozen used singles, and one block known to exist today. Use of the denomination was extremely limited when the stamps were issued so that the existence of a block even in normal condition was highly unusual.

This block was discovered in Liverpool, England, during the 1890's. It was acquired by William Thorne, a New York collector and was later sold to a Boston dealer who, in turn, sold it to Mr. Crocker. The Y. Souren Co. of New York has eliminated the possibility of the acquisition of this block by a foreign collector by inserting in the sales agreement, the stipulation, that under no circumstances was the block ever to leave the U. S.

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Other rarities acquired by Mr. Martin in the same deal included a used single of the 30 cent value of the 1869 issue with flags inverted, at \$4,000; block of four of the 4 cent Columbian color error at \$6,000; and an unused single, mint, of the 2 cent Pan-American issue with inverted center at \$3,250. Another sensational bit of news was the discovery by the Y. Souren Co. that the mint block of four of the 12 cent stamp listed in the Crocker Sale Catalogue as Scott's No. 151 (12c 1870-71) without grill cataloguing at \$500, was actually Scott's No. 140 with grill listing at \$1500 for a single.

Dealers here in New York who had expected that December would be a poor month for business and therefore an opportunity to straighten out their stocks, take inventory, and close their books for the year have been pleasantly surprised to find that December of this year was an amazingly good month for business. Philatelists who usually find the financial inroads of the holiday season almost entirely preclude their purchase of stamps temporarily, seem to be giving stamps as Christmas Gifts in the form of packets. And swell gifts they are too.

Panama To Issue Canal Commemoratives

The Republic of Panama plans to join the United States and the Canal Zone in issuing commemorative stamps next year for the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal to traffic. Seven values will comprise the Panamanian set, ranging from 1 centesimo to 1 balboa and will appear early in 1939 according to the *New York Times* correspondent. Being considered as subjects will be scenes showing the history of the isthmus from the days of the Royal Road of early Spanish conquest days down through the '49 gold rush period to the year 1914.

More About Hatay

The Sandjak of Alexandretta, formerly a part of Syria, became the Republic of Hatay on September 1. The flag of the new country will be a modification of that of its neighbor, Turkey, having a hollow star instead of a solid star. The capital of the country will not be the port city of Alexandretta, but Antioch. The President is Tifour Sokalin who was elected promptly following the plebiscite. A parliament has also been convened. A locally produced issue of stamps is expected at any time, as the likelihood of overprinting more Syrian issues is remote. Whitfield King reports the above to the *Philatelic Magazine*, London.

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A Recent Discovery

The KenMore Stamp Company submit a photograph which undoubtedly clears up the reason for the existence of the variety of the 1c 1910 Newfoundland Guy Issue listed in Scott as No. 87d. This variety has long been a familiar, though not particularly scarce error, having an "F" instead of an "E" in "NEWFOUNDLAND" making the hitherto unexplained error in inscription, "NFWFOUNDLAND." We have never noted any explanation of how this error occurred but the photograph submitted showing a block of four containing one of the errors goes far toward



explaining this. The block was enlarged so that each stamp was about four inches wide and immediately noticeable was the fact that the error stamp had the appearance of being a folded paper variety such as are occasionally found among U. S. issues, (having a portion of the design hidden in a crease). However, it is known that these NFW errors were not folded paper varieties, being a constant variety on one subject of the lithographic plate or stone.

The KenMore firm pointed out that the error stamp measures slightly less in width than does the others in the block. This gives a definite clue to how the error occurred; indicating that the F was not the result of an error in engraving. It is customary in making these lithograph plates containing multiple subjects, to do this by a transfer process. The description of the process of doing so sounds more complicated than it really is. In brief, the original design engraved on the lithographing stone is inked with a special transfer ink and the desired number of impressions as are needed to make a full sheet of stamps are made on a sheet of paper coated with a sizing of starch and glycerine. These impressions are then cut out and affixed to another sheet of paper in the order in which the finished stamps are to appear in sheets. If sheets of the stamps are to contain 100 subjects, then one hundred of the transfers are made on the sized paper, cut out and arranged on the other sheet with the identical spacing between them as is desired on the finished sheets of stamps.

This sheet of transfers is then laid face down on the lithographing stone or polished plate and repeatedly pulled under pressure through a press until all the

designs in the special ink have been transferred to the stone, the transfer sheet being dampened during the process until all the paper can be removed. After etching of the transferred designs the stone is ready to print from. How the NFW error occurred should be obvious from the above—one of the transfer subjects being creased under the pressure or in being affixed to transfer sheet. That this must be the case is shown by the stamp being narrower, indicating the design has a crease in it. In the enlargement the crease, having the appearance of a thin black line, runs almost vertically from the lower right corner of the frame enclosing "1610" down through the left upper stroke of the "W," cutting close to the main vertical stroke of the "E" and down through the "O" of "ONE" continuing to the frame surrounding the portrait. The "O" due to the crease is nearly solid, having only a small opening in the center in contrast with "Os" on the other stamps. That the "F" was originally an "E" is also conclusively proven when comparing the bottom serif of it with the other "F" of Newfoundland. On the real "F" the serif has a broad base and noticeably slants upward toward the vertical stroke of the letter. In the error the slant is only to the left side of the vertical stroke. The white portion extending to right is at a right angle and though very little of it can be seen on the stamp, in the enlargement it can be seen to start at an abrupt right angle to the vertical stroke as do the bottom horizontal strokes of the "Es" on the three normal stamps. Finally the absence of most of the left upward stroke of the W indicates a fold existed, for if the W were normal it would overlap the error "F".

The other stamps in the block show minor variations which can be attributed to the transfer process. A spot of some kind in the "E" of "JAMES"—this in the upper right stamp. The lower left stamp has a dot which makes it appear as a period before the "P" of "POSTAGE". The lower right stamp has a white streak looking like an accent mark after the "E" of "ONE." These can be blamed on scratches or incomplete transfers or inking, not surprising considering the stamps were termed cheap looking productions when reviewed by one periodical in 1910.

At least that's our solution of the variety. It can't very well be the result of a cracked plate for that would, if anything, make the stamp wider.

* Mail recovered from the plane wrecked near Point Reyes, Calif., a few weeks ago was forwarded to addressees, sometimes in official envelope, with marking stating "Damage Due To Air Mail Interruption."

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Canada		.02	.174	.10	142	3.00	.51	.15	.81	Canada
North Borneo		177	.18	144	10.00			.107	.125	
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